(b) what is the total amount earmarked for the purpose during last three years and the amount spent for the purpose during the same period: and

(c) the number of units which have come up so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The State Governments endeavour to create climate conducive to set up electronic industry in the State, Department of Electronics gives necessary guidance whenever required. The progressive licensing policies followed by Government are applicable to Orissa also. Orissa Electronics Development Corp. is engaged in promotion of electronics industry in Orissa State.

It is proposed to set up a Software Technology Park at Bhubaneswar, detail of which including the cost are being worked out in consultation with Government of Orissa.

Department of Electronics under its Standardization Testing and Quality Control (STOC) programme has so far given Rs. 15 lakhs to Electronics Test and Development Centre, Bhubaneswar which provides test and Calibration facilities to small and medium scale electronic industry in the region.

With a view to upgrading the technology of the indigenous electronic equipment, Department of Electronics, Government of India has decided in principle to set up a LSI/VLSI Design Centre at Bhubaneswar at a cost of Rs. 1 crore approximately.

(c) Industrial licences have been issued to 11 units and Letters of Intent (LOIs) to 29 units for manufacture of electronic items

National Missile test range at Baliapal

2153. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry took a decision to locate the national missile testing range at Baliapal in Orissa;

(b) whether it is a fact that this was not feasible because of the Paradip Port location;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Sriharikota has also been considered; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not locating the same at Sriharikota?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Expert Committee had examined this site in detail from all aspects and had not found it suitable for setting up the National Range.

AIDS Carriers

2154. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified possible carriers of AIDS from social groups in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Government have identified certain categories of persons belonging to high risk group namely (i) romosexuala, (ii) prostitutes, (iii) drug addicts and (iv) haemophilics who required repeated